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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

#### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hung-Ju et al US Patent 6402558.

Regarding claim 1, Hung-Ju et al discloses an apparatus comprising:

a first planar element (element 102a, Figs 1-5) having an upper surface and a lower surface and a second planar element (element 102b, Figs 1-5) having an upper surface and a lower surface, the first planar element and the second planar element disposed such that at least one port (element 106, Figs 1-5) is formed between the lower surface of the first planar element and the upper surface of the second planar element, the at least one port capable of receiving a memory media card;

at least one set of contact pins (element 104a, 104b, Figs 1-5) protruding from the lower surface of the first planar element or the upper surface of the second planar element such that the at least one set of contact pins are disposed within the at least one port the at least one set of contact pins capable of contacting a set of memory media card contacts (Abstract), wherein the contact pins are integrated within the molded plastic (elements 104a, 104b, Figs 1-5); and a controller chip operable to

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differentiate a pin configuration based on an inserted memory media card( Fig 4, see column 3, line 60 – column 5, line 15).

Regarding claim 2, Hung-Ju et al discloses wherein the first planar and the second planar are formed in a single piece of molded plastic (element 102a,102b, Figs 1-5)

Regarding claim 3, Hung-Ju et al discloses wherein the one or more different types of memory media cards include xD, standard MMC/SD, standard Memory Stick, SmartMedia, miniSD, RSMMC, and MMC/SD, Duo, and a flash memory cards having a form factor similar thereto (Abstract).

Regarding claim 4, Hung-Ju et al discloses having a standard system connector surface-mounted thereon, the standard system connector electrically connected to the at least one contact pin set ( elements 118, Fig 5, also see column 3, line 60 – column 4, line 15).

Regarding claim 5, Hung-Ju et al discloses wherein the standard system connector is selected from the group consisting of a PCMCIA, USB, WiFi, Firewire, DE, serial ATA connector, an IDE, and a CompactFlash connector( column 3, line 60 – column 4, line 65).

Regarding claim 6, Hung-Ju et al discloses wherein one or more ports contain multiple registrations, each registration corresponding to a particular memory media card type( column 4, lines 1-19).

Regarding claim 7, Hung-Ju et al discloses wherein the contact pins are integrated within the molded plastic (elements 104a, 104b, Figs 1-5).

Regarding claim 8, Hung-Ju et al discloses wherein the contact pins are formed

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such that contact pin resiliency is retained (elements 104a, 104b, Figs 1-5).

Regarding claim 9, Hung-Ju et al discloses wherein the contact pins are formed such that the terminal end of the contact pin is pushed away from the memory media card contact thereby helping to prevent the contact pin from being damaged during

removal of the memory media card( elements 104a, 104b, Figs 1-5). Regarding claim 10, Hung-Ju et at discloses having 18 contact pins configured to accommodate an xD, standard MMC/SD, standard Memory Stick, SmartMedia, miniSD, RSMMC, and MMC/SD, Duo, and a flash memory card having a form factor similar thereto( elements 104a, 104b, Figs 1-5, see column 3, line 60 – column 5, line 15). Regarding ctaim 11, Hung-Ju et al discloses wherein the controller chip is embedded in the single piece of molded plastic forming the multi media adapter (see Fig 4). Regarding claim 12, Hung-Ju et al discloses an apparatus comprising: a multi-memory media adapter( element 100, Figs 1-5) capable of reading data from each of a plurality memory media, the multi-memory media adapter having at least one port( element 106, Figs 1-5) formed between an upper portion and a lower portion of the multi- memory media adapter, each port capable of receiving a memory media card; at least one set of contact pins( element 104a, 404b, Figs 1-5) protruding from the upper portion or the lower portion, the at least one set of contact pins capable of contacting a set of memory media card contacts; and a controller (Fig 4) integrated into the multi-memory media adapter for differentiating a pin configuration for each of the plurality of memory media.

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Regarding claim 13, Hung-Ju et al discloses wherein the plurality of memory media include xD, standard MMC/SD, standard Memory Stick, SmartMedia, miniSD, RSMMC, and MMC/SD, Duo, and a memory media having a form factor similar thereto( Abstract).

Regarding claim 14, Hung-Ju et al discloses wherein the adapter is formed in a single piece of molded plastic( Fig 1)

Regarding claim 15, Hung-Ju et al discloses a standard system connector, the standard system connector electrically connected to the at least one contact pin set ( elements 118, Fig 5, also see column 3, line 60 – column 4, line 15).

Regarding claim 16, Hung-Ju et al discloses wherein the standard system connector is selected from the group consisting of a PCMCIA, USB, WiFi, Firewire, DE, serial ATA connector, an IDE, and a CompactFlash connector( column 3, line 60 – column 4, line 65).

Regarding claim 17, Hung-Ju et al discloses wherein one or more ports contain multiple registrations, each registration corresponding to a particular memory media card type (column 4, lines 1-19).

Regarding claim 18, Hung-Ju et al discloses wherein the contact pins are integrated within the molded plastic and formed such that contact pin resiliency is retained(elements 104a, 104b, Figs 1-5).

Regarding claim 19, Hung-Ju et al discloses having eighteen contact pins configured to accommodate an xD, standard MMC/SD, standard Memory Stick, SmartMedia, miniSD,RSMMC, and MMC/SD, Duo, and a flash memory card having a form factor

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similar thereto( elements 104a, 104b, Figs 1-5, see column 3, line 60 - column 5, line

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#### In the Claims:

This version of the claims supersedes all prior versions.

- 1. (Currently Amended) A multi-memory media adapter comprising:
- a first planar element having an upper surface and a lower surface, the first planar element comprising molded plastic;

a second planar element having an upper surface and a lower surface, the first planar element and the second planar element disposed such that a port is formed between the lower surface of the first planar element and the upper surface of the second planar element, the port capable of receiving a memory media card, the second planar element comprising molded plastic;

at least one set of contact pins protruding from the lower surface of the first planar element or the upper surface of the second planar element such that the at least one set of contact pins are disposed within the port, the at least one set of contact pins capable of contacting a set of memory media card contacts, wherein the <u>at least one set of</u> contact pins are integrated within the molded plastic of the first planar element or the second planar element; and

a controller chip operable to map at least a subset of the at least one set of contact pins to a set of signal lines or power lines, based on an identified type of a memory media card.

differentiate a pin configuration based on an inserted memory media card.

- 2. (Cancelled)
- 3. (Currently Amended) The multi-memory media adapter of claim 1 wherein the one or more different types of memory media cards include is one of a group comprising of, xD, standard MMC/SD, standard Memory Stick, SmartMedia, miniSD, RSMMC, and MMCISD, and Duo, and a flash memory cards having a form factor similar thereto.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The multi-memory media adapter of claim 1 having a standard system connector surface-mounted thereon, the standard system connector electrically connected coupled to the at least one set of contact pins. set.

- 5. (Currently Amended) The multi-memory media adapter of claim 4 wherein the standard system connector is selected from the group consisting comprising of a PCMCIA, USB, WiFi, Firewire, IDE, serial ATA connector, an IDE, and a CompactFlash connector.
  - 6. (Cancelled)
  - 7. (Cancelled)
- 8. (Currently Amended) The multi-memory media adapter of claim 1 wherein the <u>set</u> of contact pins are formed <u>from injected contacts within the molded plastic of the first planar element or the second planar element. such that contact pin resiliency is</u>
- 9. (Currently Amended) The multi-memory media adapter of claim 1 wherein the contact pins are formed such that the <u>a</u> terminal end of <u>a contact pin of</u> the <u>set of</u> contact pins is <u>pushed configured to be oriented</u> away from the <u>set of</u> memory media card contacts thereby helping to prevent the contact pin from being damaged during removal of the memory media card.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The multi-memory media adapter of claim 2 having at least 18 contact pins configured to accommodate at least one of a group comprising, an xD, MMCISD, standard Memory Stick, SmartMedia, miniSD, RSMMC, and MMCISD, and Duo. 7 and a flash memory card having a form factor similar thereto.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The multi-memory media adapter of claim 2 wherein the controller chip is embedded in the single piece of molded plastic of the first planar element or the second planar element of the multi-media memory adaptor. forming the multi-media adapter.
  - 12. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a multi-memory media adapter eapable of to reading data from each of a plurality of memory media cards, the multi-memory media adapter having at least one port formed between an upper portion and a lower portion of the multi-memory media adapter, each the port eapable of to receiving a memory media card of the plurality of memory media cards;

at least one a set of contact pins protruding from the upper portion or the lower portion, the at least one set of contact pins capable of to contacting a set of memory media card contacts,

wherein the set of contact pins are integrated within molded plastic of the upper portion or the lower portion; and

a controller integrated into the multi-memory media adapter to map at least a subset of the set of contact pins to a set of signal lines or power lines, based an identified type of the memory media card. for differentiation a pin configuration for each of the plurality of memory media.

- 13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 wherein the plurality of memory media card is at least one of a group comprising of include xD, MMCISD, standard Memory Stick, SmartMedia, miniSD, RSMMC, and MMCISD, and Duo, and a memory media having a form factor similar thereto.
  - 14. (Cancelled)
- 15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 further comprising a standard system connector, the standard system connector electrically connected coupled to the set of contact pins. at least one contact pin set.
- 16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15 wherein the standard system connector is selected from the group eonsisting comprising of a PCMCIA, USB, WiFi, Firewire, IDE, serial ATA connector, an IDE, and a CompactFlash connector.
  - 17. (Cancelled)
- 18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 wherein the contact pins are integrated within the molded plastic and formed from injected contacts within the molded plastic of the first upper portion or the lower portion, such that contact pin resiliency is retained
- 19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 having <u>at least</u> eighteen contact pins configured to accommodate <u>at least one of a group comprising</u>, an xD, <del>standard</del> MMCISD, <u>standard</u> Memory Stick, <u>SmartMedia</u>, miniSD, RSMMC, <u>and MMCISD</u>, <u>and Duo.</u> , <u>and a flash memory card having a form factor similar thereto.</u>

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#### **REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 2, 2006, Applicant submits the following:

Amendments to the Claims / Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

#### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The following remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2006. The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided generally to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-19 are rejected. Claims 1, 3-5, 8-13, 15-16, 18, and 19 have been amended. Claims 2, 6, 7, 14, and 17 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

#### 35 USC §102 REJECTIONS

The Office Action rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hung-Ju et al. (US Patent No. 6,402,558). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

To anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim. "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

Applicant's independent claims 1, 12 include limitations that are not discussed nor suggested by Hung-Ju. As a result, applicant's independent claims are patentable over Hung-Ju.

In particular, Applicant's independent claim 1 includes the limitations of:

a first planar element having an upper surface and a lower surface, the first planar element <u>comprising molded plastic</u>;

the at least one set of contact pins are integrated within the

molded plastic of the first planar element or the second planar element;

and

a controller chip to <u>map at least a subset of the at least one set of</u>
<u>contact pins to a set of signal lines or power lines</u>, based on an identified
type of a memory media card. (Claim I, emphasis added)

## (1) Reference Does Not Show "Controller Chip to Map A Subset of the at Least One Set of Contact Pins"

The Examiner states in the Office Action that Hung-Ju discloses a system comprising a controller chip operable to differentiate a pin configuration based on an inserted memory media card. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Rather, Applicant asserts that there is no suggestion or teaching in Hung-Ju of a controller chip to "map at least a subset of the at least one set of contact pins to a set of signal lines or power lines" based on an identified type of a memory media card (Figure 4 of Applicant's disclosure), as recited in applicant's independent claims 1, and 12.

For example, in Hung-Ju,

#### "By positioning contact pins and entrance slots in various

<u>locations</u> on the memory card adaptor according to the specifications and input/output contact positions of various memory cards, all four types of memory cards are accommodated." (Abstract)

As shown, Hung-Ju discusses a memory card adaptor suitable for different types of memory cards by physically "positioning contact pins and entrance slots in various locations".

Thus, Hung-Ju suggests using different sets of contact pins for different types of memory cards.

By physically placing memory cards in different positions in the adaptor, different contact pins are in contact with the memory cards. Thus, Hung-Ju teaches away from the claim limitation using a controller chip to "map at least a subset of the at least one set of contact pins to a set of signal lines or power lines" where one set of pins is mapped to different signals depending on the type of identified memory card, as recited in Applicant's independent claims 1 and 12.

#### Further, In Hung-Ju:

"the multi-media card or the digital card can be inserted into the card insertion slit 106b with the input/output contact points <u>facing down</u>. Similarly, the card insertion slot 106a can accommodate a smart media card. Because the 22 contact pins 104a are fixed at appropriate positions on the upper frame 102a, the smart media card can be inserted into the card insertion slot 106a with the input output contact points <u>facing up</u>." (Col 3 lines 32-41)

"A smart media card <u>must</u> be inserted into the memory card adaptor with the input/output <u>contact points of the card facing up</u> so that proper contacts with the contact pins 104a can be made." (Col 4 lines 19-21)

Thus, different types of media cards are inserted into the memory card adaptor with different orientations (e.g., facing up or down) depending on where the set of contact pins used for a particular type of memory card is <u>physically</u> located in the memory card adaptor. Hung-Ju does not suggest, motivate, or teach a controller chip to "<u>map at least a subset of the at least</u> <u>one set of contact pins to a set of signal lines or power lines</u>" based on an identified type of a memory media card (claim 1, FIG 4 of Applicant's disclosure), as recited in the limitation of

Applicant's independent claims 1 and 12. Thus, Hung-Ju is insufficient to anticipate Applicant's independent claims at least for the above stated reason.

## (2) Reference Does Not Show "Contact Pins Integrated within the Molded Plastic"

The Examiner states in the Office Action that Hung-Ju discloses contact pins integrated within the molded plastic. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Rather, Applicant respectfully submits that Hung-Ju does not teach or suggest utilizing "molded plastic" as claimed by Applicant's independent claims 1 and 12.

Specifically, the Examiner asserts in the Office Action that the elements 102a, 102b in Figures 1-5 are indications that the contact pins are "integrated within the molded plastic".

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Applicant asserts that it is clearly indistinguishable from Figures 1-5 of Hung-Ju what material the planar surfaces are comprised of. Thus, Figures 1-5 of Hung-Ju is insufficient to teach, motivate, or suggest the limitation of the first planar element comprising "molded plastic", of Applicant's independent claims 1 and 12.

Further, Applicant respectfully submits that Hung-Ju does not teach or suggest contact pins that are "integrated within the molded plastic", as recited in Applicant's independent claims 1 and 12.

As can be seen from Figure 5 of Hung-Ju, the pins 104a and 104b are of a floating structure sitting on an exterior or interior surface of the upper and lower frames 102 rather than

being "integrated within" the two planar elements, as recited in Applicants independent claims 1 and 12.

Therefore, at least for the above stated reasons, Applicant's independent claims are not anticipated by Hung-Ju. The remaining claims are dependent claims that include the distinguishing limitations of the independent claims, as discussed above. Therefore, applicant's dependent claims are also not anticipated by Hung-Ju, at least for the above stated reasons. Thus, the withdrawal of the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Please charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2638.

Respectfully submitted,

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